

Affordable Housing Legislative Task Force

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Wellstone Collaborative Strategies

Introduction Questions

1. Who you are and who you represent?
2. What specific area of affordable housing are you interested in?
3. 2 sentences as to why it is important for you to be on the Task Force?

Agenda Review

1. **Meeting Purpose:** To ensure the subpanels have a clear charge from the Task Force to transform the behavioral health system.
2. By the end of this meeting, we will have
 1. Set meeting expectations
 2. Agreed to ground rules
 3. A better understanding of the affordable housing landscape,
 4. Defined transformational change
 5. Provided guiding principles to the Subpanel

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Draft Meeting Plan

Task Force

Meeting 1. Kickoff and Needs

- Define outcomes and subpanel charge

Meeting 2. Learning Session

- Work with experts from the subpanel and agency staff to dive deep into the issues
- Review work to date of the subpanel and share insights

Meetings 3-5. Review draft set of recommendations

- Provide feedback on draft recommendations
- Identify any additional areas of recommendations needed.

Meetings 6-8. Finalize Recommendations

- Prioritize and finalize recommendation set to send to the General Assembly and Governor.

Buffer

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Subpanels

Meeting 1. Structure for Success

- Sub Panels meet to review outcomes and charge
- Identify working groups in order to generate recommendations
- Review of existing reports

Meetings 2-3. Outreach & Recommendation Building

- Review initial work
- Identify approach to reach out to additional stakeholders
- Ensure greatest needs and gaps are being met

Meeting. 4. Draft Recommendations

- Review recommendations of working groups
- Review stakeholder feedback
- Modify, combine, and agree on set to send to Task Force

Meetings 5-7. Recommendation Revisions

- Respond to and revise recommendations based on Task Force Feedback
- Prioritize recommendations based on developed criteria



Signifies joint work between AH and BH



Task Force Meetings



Subpanel Meetings

... Working Groups

Note: The Task force may meet up to 10 times and the Subpanels up to 12

Ground Rules

1. Be here now:
 - a. Be fully present
 - b. Employ active listening, and listen to learn
 - c. Recognize that not speaking up may be interpreted as agreement
2. Notice power dynamics:
 - a. Be aware of your privilege
 - b. Share the room by stepping up and stepping back
 - c. Be open to the truths of others
3. Put relationships first:
 - a. Assume best intentions but acknowledge impact
 - b. Be hard on ideas, but soft on people
 - c. Be brave, acknowledge harm, and be an upstander
4. Participate in Good Faith:
 - a. Contribute constructively
 - b. Don't pre-determine the outcomes
 - c. Work within and through the Task Force and Subpanel structure and bring outside conversations into the conversation with transparency.
5. Use Person-First Language
6. Conversation Process:
 - a. Respect the facilitator's process to stand name tents on end to get into the cue
 - b. Facilitators may choose to complete a conversation before moving onto another topic

Defining Transformation: Current State

What is the current state of affordable housing?

1. Think about a person who is deeply in need of affordable housing. You may also think about where the affordable housing system.
2. What about current affordable housing opportunities for that individual or for the system as a whole is good? What is bad? And what's just ugly or messy that we don't want to perpetuate?
3. Use one sticky note for each idea and write what the good, the bad, and the ugly of affordable housing is on a sticky note.
4. Put your sticky note(s) on the wall.

Defining Transformation: Ideal State

What does transformational change mean to you?

1. Think about a person who is deeply in need of affordable housing. Think about what transformational change would look like for them. You may also think about where the behavioral health system is most in need.
2. Think about the transformational outcomes you would like to see for the person in need and for the system as a whole.
3. Use one sticky note for each idea and write what transformational change means to you on a sticky note.
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Potential Affordable Housing Principles for Success

1. Address populations in need, especially those experiencing disparities
Examples: Black, Indigenous, Latino/a, other people of color; people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, veterans, co-occurring disabilities, LGBTQ+; rural, those with substance use disorder, criminal and juvenile justice involved population, serious mental illness; mono-lingual non-English speakers; children, youth and families, unhoused, etc.
2. Evidence-based / works in other states
3. Whole person care
4. Community-based
5. Culturally and linguistically competent
6. Consumer-Driven, with a strong voice from those most impacted and involved in the behavioral health system
7. Deploys the full array of affordable housing supports from prevention to high intensity

Task Force Guidance to the Subpanel

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3. **One-time funding proposals:** Given that these are one-time dollars, proposals should be one-time proposals with no or very little out-year costs, or a financing plan that does not increase the state’s structural deficit. The General Assembly should prioritize proposals that can clearly be accomplished with one-time dollars.
4. **Fills the gaps:** Proposals should not just do more of what we’re currently doing. Comprehensive data should be used to understand disparities and apply that to policy and funding proposals to help fill major gaps that exist in services, policies, and programs across the state for all Coloradans.

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